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1. On 28-29 December 1948 small student demonstrations took place in Baghdad, protesting the annexation of Palestine territory by Transjordan, and advocating aid to Palestine in the war with the Jews.
2. According to source, the Istiqlal (Independence) Party instigated the demonstrations in order to embarrass the present Iraqi Government and to impress the United Nations observer, General Riley, who was visiting Iraq at the time, with Iraq's desire to continue fighting in Palestine.
3. The remnants of the National Democratic Party and the 'Aziz Sharif group are considering giving aid to the Independence Party in provoking general disorders to replace the present Iraqi Government.
4. The Iraqi police have received instructions to suppress any new demonstrations.

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